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be:		my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of	
		Robert R. Meredith & Co., Inc. , as of	
		December 31 ,20 05 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company	
	-	partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of	
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Ш	(j)	A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the	
_		Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.	
	(k)	A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of con-	
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님		A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	
		A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.	
M		Independent auditor's report on internal accounting control.	
П	(p)	Schedule of segregation requirements and funds in segregationcustomers' regulated commodity futures account	

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2005

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of Robert R. Meredith & Co., Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Robert R. Meredith & Co., Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2005. This statement of financial condition is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement of financial condition based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit of the statement of financial condition provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Robert R. Meredith & Co., Inc. as of December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Rothstein, Kass x Company, P.C.

Roseland, New Jersey January 31, 2006 except for Note 9, which is as of February 3, 2006

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2005		
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	72,090
Cash, restricted		100,200
Receivable from clearing broker		308,964
Due from affiliates		100,954
Fixed assets, net		63,120
Other assets		55,280
	\$	700,608
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Liabilities, accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	311,473
Stockholder's equity Common stock, no par value,		
authorized 200 shares,		
issued and outstanding 100 shares Additional paid-in capital		100,000 702,444
Accumulated deficit		(413,309)
Total stockholder's equity		389,135
	\$	700,608

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Nature of operations

Robert R. Meredith & Co., Inc. (the "Company") is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD). The Company's operations primarily consist of securities transactions executed on either an agency or riskless principal basis on behalf of its customers.

## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers money market accounts and all highly-liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. The Company provides for depreciation and amortization principally using the straight-line method as follows:

**Estimated** 

Assets	Useful Life
Telephone and computer equipment	5 Years
Furniture and fixtures	7 Years
Leasehold improvements	Term of lease

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company complies with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of," which requires impairment losses to be recorded on long-lived assets used in operations when indicators of impairment are present and undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the assets' carrying amount. The Company continually evaluates whether events and circumstances have occurred that indicated the remaining estimated useful life of long-lived assets, may warrant revision, or the remaining balance may not be recoverable.

Revenue and Expense Recognition from Securities Transactions

Securities transactions and the related revenues and expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis. Revenues derived from commissions earned on the sale of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis as security transactions occur.

#### Rent Expense

Rent is charged to operations by amortizing the minimum rent payments over the term of the lease, using the straight-line method.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Income Taxes

The Company files its federal, state and city income tax returns on a consolidated basis with its parent. Income taxes are allocated to each company within the consolidated group as if each company filed its income tax returns separately. The current provision for income taxes as well as the deferred tax benefit is recorded in the receivable from its parent. The Company complies with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes", which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for both the expected future tax impact of differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities, and for the expected future tax benefit to be derived from tax loss carryforwards. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 3. Net capital requirements

The Company is a member of the NASD and is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. This Rule requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 and that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2005, the Company's net capital was approximately \$70,000 which was approximately \$49,000 in excess of its minimum requirement of approximately \$21,000.

## 4. Deposit with clearing broker

Pursuant to an agreement with its clearing broker, the Company is required to maintain a clearing deposit of \$100,000.

#### 5. Fixed assets

Details of fixed assets at December 31, 2005 are as follows:

\$ 350,177	
252,845	
 253,665	
856,687	
 793,567	
\$ 63,120	
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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 6. Related party transactions and liquidity

Substantially all of revenues generated by the Company are derived from the clients of an affiliate which is 100% owned by the Company's Parent, Meredith Financial Group, Inc. (collectively "MFG"). At December 31, 2005, the Company had a net receivable from MFG aggregating approximately \$101,000, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$178,000.

The Company's Parent, MFG, did not generate positive cash flow from operations for the year ended December 31, 2005. In addition, the Company is dependent upon MFG for the continuing provision of resources such as overhead and personnel. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company was charged approximately \$507,000 by an affiliate for the Company's allocated portion of overhead, personnel, and facility expenses. MFG believes that its current cash resources, coupled with management's aggressive cost cutting measures of overhead, personnel, and facility expenses, should be adequate to fund its own operations as well as the Company's operations for the year ending December 31, 2006. The Company's long-term liquidity is dependent on its ability to develop working capital and attain future profitable operations.

## 7. Profit sharing plan

The Company has a 401(k) profit sharing plan (the "Plan") which covers substantially all employees that meet certain eligibility requirements. The participants of the Plan are permitted to defer up to 20% of their compensation annually; however, the deferral may not exceed the Internal Revenue Code limitation. The Company amended its Plan during 2005 and no longer matches participant contributions.

#### 8. Income taxes

The Company's deferred income tax asset aggregating approximately \$194,000 results primarily from deferred rent (included in accrued expenses) of approximately \$254,000. The Company has established a valuation allowance equal to the deferred income tax asset as of December 31, 2005. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the decrease in the deferred tax asset of \$19,000 was offset with a corresponding decrease in the valuation allowance to the deferred tax asset.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS .

## 8. Income taxes (continued)

Income taxes (benefit) for the year ended December 31, 2005 are summarized as follows:

Federal State and city	\$ 10,000 3,000
	13,000
Deferred	
Federal	4,000
State and city	 2,000
	6,000
Change in valuation allowance	 (19,000)
Deferred taxes, net of change in valuation allowance	 (13,000)
Total income taxes	\$ -
Effective tax rate	45%

#### 9. Commitments

During 2005, the Company rented its facility under a lease which was originally set to expire in September 2009. In addition to the base rent, the lease provided for the Company to pay escalations in property taxes and operating expenses. In February 2006, MFG, including the Company, reached a settlement agreement with the lessor to be relieved of any further liability under this lease. In February 2006, MFG reached an agreement to rent office facilities on a month-to-month basis for approximately \$12,000 per month. MFG must provide 90 days notice to be released from this agreement.

At December 31, 2005, the Company was obligated under a letter of credit for \$100,000, which was collateralized by the restricted cash. In February 2006, this amount was transferred to the lessor as part of the negotiated settlement amount.

In exchange for the release, MFG paid approximately \$200,000, of which \$100,000 was released from restricted cash, to the lessor which primarily consisted of past due rent.

Rent expense was approximately \$89,000, net of amounts reimbursed by an affiliate (Note 6).

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## 10. Off-balance-sheet risk and concentration of credit risk

Pursuant to its clearance agreement, the Company introduces all of its securities transactions to its sole clearing broker on a fully-disclosed basis. All of the customers' money balances and long and short security positions are carried on the books of the clearing broker. In accordance with the clearance agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify the clearing broker for losses, if any, which the clearing broker may sustain from carrying securities transactions introduced by the Company. In accordance with industry practice and regulatory requirements, the Company and the clearing broker monitor collateral on the customers' accounts.

In addition, the receivable from the clearing broker is pursuant to this clearance agreement.

The Company maintains its cash in financial institutions, which at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not subject to significant credit risk on cash.